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February 27th 7 PM
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3100 South Redwood Road
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First Place Wins a
2 oz Silver Liberty

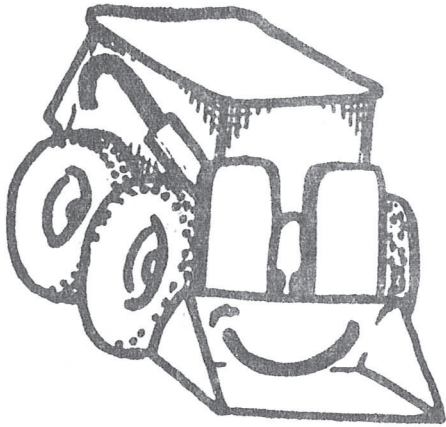
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Promptness Prize ... 1900 Silver Half Dollar

Raffle Prizes: 1858 seated dime

Center Street Pool Hall, Magna Good for 5 cents
S & T Smoke 263 S. State Good for 6 1/2 cent s in trade
Johnny's Tavern, Salt Lake City, Good for 10 cents
1901 Barber Dollar 1921 Barber Dollar
1900 Barber Dollar 1923 Silver Dollar

Grand Prize: **Five Gram Gold Bar** with hologram on the back
from the Union Bank of Switzerland



President's

Message

Hello to the NUTS

I want to thank Jess Petersen, who gave an excellent presentation last meeting about "The Lincoln Highway in Utah." We appreciate you.

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, it is time to do so. Send in the membership form in this newsletter, or pay the treasurer, Keith Gant, at the meeting. Also, we have a stack of silver dimes to give to anyone who signs up a new member. If you have any friends or relatives that are interested in treasures, give them a newsletter, or bring them to the meeting.

This month we want every body to bring a display of the things they have found this last year. This can also include things you have collected over the past few years and want to show off to the club. You don't need a fancy display case, just lay out the items on a tray, or box, or basket, cover them with clear plastic wrap if you like, or arrange them in a glass jar. We will be voting for the best display. A 2 oz Silver Liberty will go to first place, one ounce to second place, and ½ ounce to third place.

The regular "Find of the Month" will not start up again until the March meeting.

We will have a video about treasure hunting by Jimmy Sierra, and will save time to discuss the activities the club will be involved in this year. Let us know if you have suggestions for club hunts.

Get your stuff rounded up.

I want to see the table full of treasures.

Dave

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N.U.T.S. January 2003 Treasure Hunt Clues:

The following clues are the second of three sets that will be published in Token Hunter. The treasure at the end of the clues will be worth at least \$200.00 and will consist of a U. S. gold piece, silver dollars, Utah tokens, and other miscellaneous coins. All employees and their families of All About Coins are considered ineligible for this contest. These treasure hunt clues are considered to be copyrighted by AAC Inc., and cannot be reproduced except by written permission. There will be a schematic given as part of the third set of clues that will help you put your clues together in a way that will lead you to the treasure.

11. The last letter of the last word on page 350 of George B. Bridgman's 1979 Edition of "Bridgman's Guide to Drawing From Life?"
12. The number of filters on a White's Beach hunter ID metal detector?
13. The year Mt. Olympus waters opened up for business?
14. The total face value of 1 of each of the Euro coins Spain produced the first year the Euro's were made?
15. The actual silver weight of a 1780 dated Austrian Maria Theresa Thaler coin?
16. The first number in the South address of the Century 16 Movie Theatre?
17. The last word in the name of a national high-end clothes store partly named after the New York street its original store was located at?
18. The furthest point from the equator of the Earth going either North or South?
19. The direction where the sun comes up from in the morning?
20. The only two letter word in the real title of "The Redbook?"

THE ORIGINAL LEGACY HIGHWAY

by Karen Secor

I was thumbing through a history of Weber county when a map caught my eye. (I love old maps.) There was a dark black line running north and south very close to where my house is. The top of the map said it was a highway authorized by the Territorial Legislature in 1851. I had to check it out. Here's what I learned.

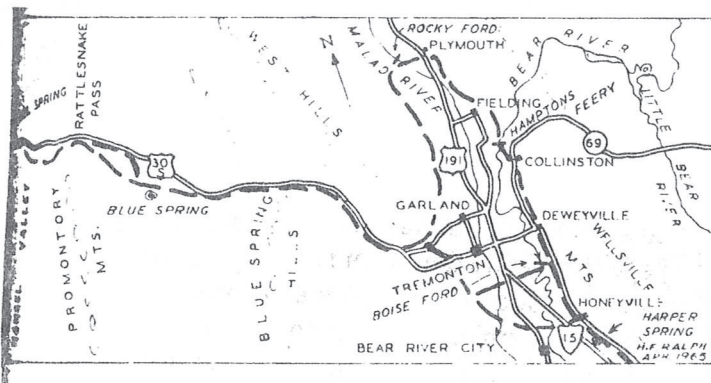
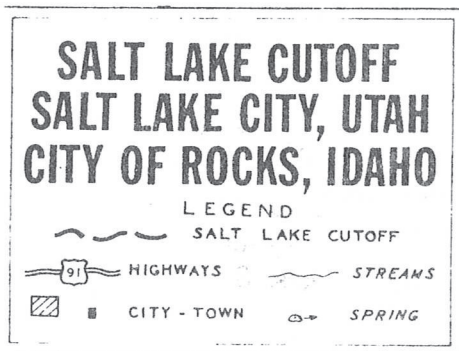
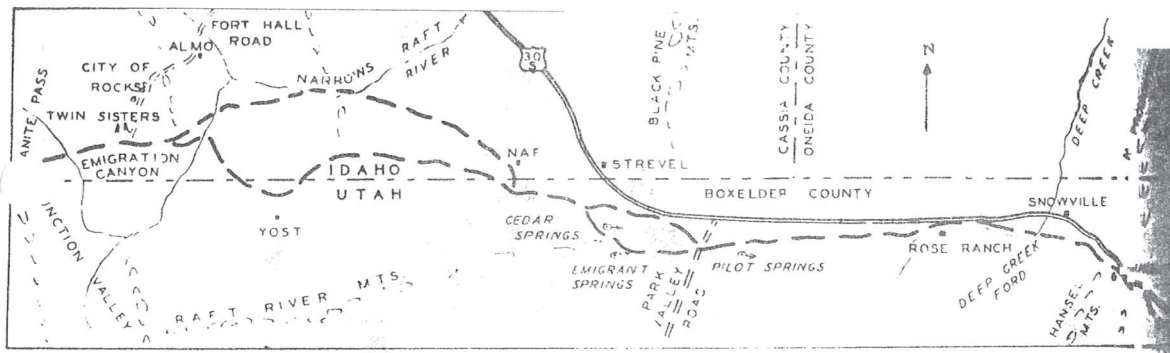
In late summer of 1848, Captain Samuel J. Hensley and a party of men on horseback came through Salt Lake City on their way to California. They were following the Hastings Cutoff, but soon had the same problem as the Donner Party a few years before. They were mired in mud. They wisely turned back to Salt Lake City, and then headed north to join the main California trail at Fort Hall in Idaho. Turns out they did not go as far north as Fort Hall, but turned west near Tremonton, and joined the California trail near the Utah-Nevada border.

On their way down the Humboldt River, the Hensley party met a group of men from the Mormon Battalion who were going up the Humboldt to rejoin their brethren in Salt Lake City. Hensley told them of the way he had just come. By following Hensley's route they shortened their journey by about a week. The resulting trail became the "Salt Lake Cutoff."

In the following years, from 1849 to the coming of the railroad, over ten thousand people and over a million animals used the Salt Lake Cutoff on their way to California.

Close examination of the map showed the trail going directly over my house. Frankly, the thought of a million mules, horses and oxen tromping through my kitchen and out my front door was "disturbing."

I read an article about this Salt Lake Cutoff in the Utah Historical Quarterly, and I went to the Weber Co. Soil Conservation Office to examine their aerial photos, hoping to see a trace of the road. Those photos are fantastic. They show various shades for different crops growing in the fields, roads, trails, canals, dams and old oxbow lakes along the river.

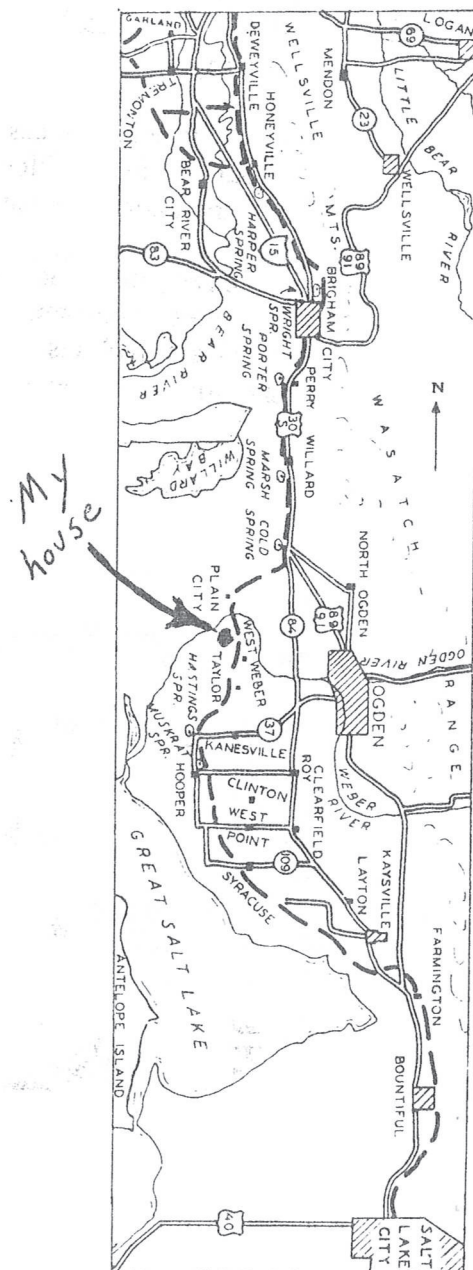


It was obvious that my original map was not very accurate because it showed the trail crossing a large wetland near the Weber River, but looking a couple miles further east, sure enough, running diagonally between Hooper and West Weber there is a shadow of a trail across plowed fields and pastures. The shadow fades out between West Weber and the Weber River crossing, but I believe this portion has been covered over by an irrigation ditch.

The map on this page is from the Utah Historical Quarterly, third quarter 1965.

The trail avoided Ogden altogether because the sandy hills between Farmington and Ogden were hard to travel on. If you've ever tried to walk in loose, dry sand, you will agree.

The governor now wants to build a new Legacy Highway pretty much along the same route as the original Salt Lake Cutoff. Once more my house is in peril.



From your

Nutty editor



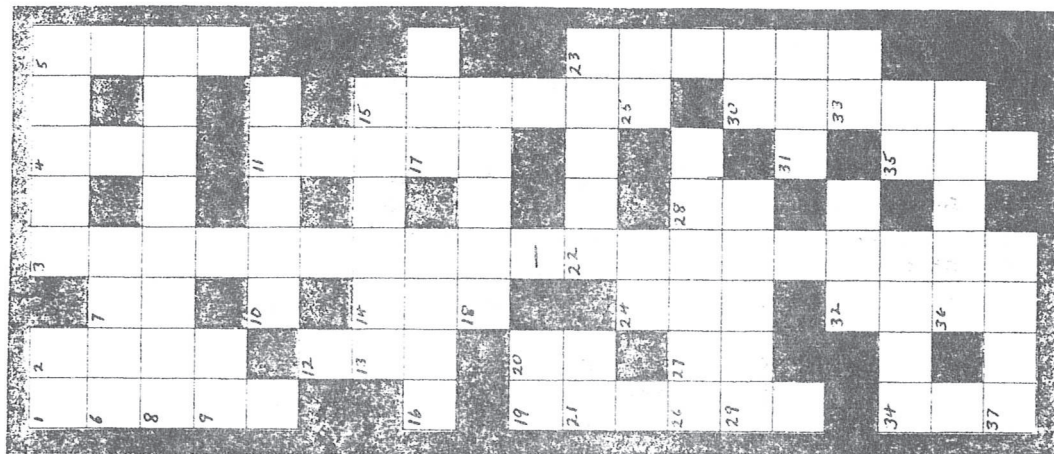
I know you are thinking about it. Right now before you put it off any more, grab a piece of paper and write down your story for the newsletter. It doesn't have to be a good story, or a long story, or a funny story. It could even have misspelled words and dangling participles, we don't care. The main thing to remember is that this is your newsletter, and it will be much more interesting to read if everyone contributes. Send your input to me, Karen Secor, 5409 W. 1600 S. Ogden UT 84401, or give it to me at the meeting.

If you have a business to advertise, or you want to buy or sell something, you are invited to put an ad in the NUTS classified. A one-month 2 x 3 ad is free to members, or \$1 for non-members. The cost is \$10 for a full year (12 issues). Ask me about larger ads.

If I have your name misspelled, or am sending your newsletter to the wrong address, let me know. I constantly make all kinds of mistakes, but I want to correct them before I hurt anybody's feelings. Also give me your comments and suggestions about what should or shouldn't be in the newsletter.

Karen

NUTS Crossword
From Last Month



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